



Stratford College Board of Management Agreed Report

Monday 27 May 2019 at 6.30 pm

The Board of Management met for its sixth and final meeting of the academic year on Monday 27 May 2019.

The Principal reported on **Enrolment, Attendance, Discipline and Bullying** and the consultation with staff on proposed curriculum changes.

The BOM noted the inaugural report on **Middle Management** from the Principal. There was some discussion on the very positive impact the new structures and appointments had already made. The BOM welcomed the opportunity these gave for career progression, building of capacity and promoting the ethos of the school. The Roles and Responsibilities included the development of **Teaching and Learning, Special Education Needs, Assessment and Reporting, Event Management, Transition Year Co-ordinator, School Self Evaluation**. Work in the area of **Critical Incidents, School Identity and the Junior Cycle Curriculum** were also important areas to which the Management team contributed.

There were a number of teaching and learning and/or regulatory policies and frameworks approved, some revised and some new. These included work in area of **Guidance, Well Being, Data Protection, Teacher Recruitment and Retention**. It was agreed that the more important teaching and learning policies should be made more accessible to parents and work would be done on this next year.

The BOM was very pleased with the upgrade of the **basketball courts and the alarm and cctv system** over the spring holidays.

There was continuing consideration of capital expenditure works over the summer holidays. It has been agreed that our **IT computers** would be upgraded in a continuing phased upgrade by moving towards Windows 10. This would mean removing the Solid State Drive (SSD) and replacing it with a SSD that will be more capable of running Windows 10 Pro. RAM will also be added to make sure the computers are running at a good capacity. Encryption will be simpler and cheaper to enable with Windows 10 professional.

Additional classroom space was also prioritised.

The BOM reported on the progress that was made by the school in the area of the **Parent Student Charter**. The document presented by the PA on ways of engagement was useful.

There was some discussion and it was agreed that the BOM will focus on increasing **parental engagement** with support from the PA. To that end it was agreed to request that the annual meeting of the BOM with the PA and Student Council would be included at the



PA AGM and there would be a pre-meeting of the BOM to prepare their presentation in this forum.

There was a review of the BOM's **Strategic Plan**. The BOM expressed its satisfaction with the outcomes of this plan and its appreciation of the previous BOM's stewardship of it.

It was agreed that the **new strategic plan** would continue to focus on the terms of reference and would consolidate some of the key indicators.

The BOM expressed its appreciation of the work of the **Chair** in leading these initiatives and developing the work of the BOM.

At the end of its first year this BOM also expressed its appreciation of the workings of the BOM, the learning curve it presented and the satisfaction with roles and responsibilities that were expected.

Child Protection

The BOM **Oversight Safeguarding Risk Assessment Report** May 2019 was approved.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Dates for next year

Thursday 19 September 2019

Monday 23 September 2019

Monday 18 November 2019

Monday 17 February 2020

Monday 30 March 2020

Monday 25 May 2020